



Flag Day Celebration with a Caribbean Twist

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**Caribbean American Heritage Month alive with DJ Phaze, King Kabuki,
record-breaking sing-along of national anthem**



<http://rflewismuseum.org/event/2014/caribbean-heritage-and-wave-your-flag-celebration>

St. Veronica's Steel Orchestra (left), DJ Phaze (center), Carnival dancer (right)

June 2, 2014, BALTIMORE - On Saturday June 14, 2014, 12-4pm, celebrate Flag Day and Caribbean Heritage Month at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum with a Caribbean DJ, King Kabuki, a parade with Carnival dancers, and more. A steel drum band performs the national anthem at 4pm as part of the Smithsonian's nationwide singing of our anthem to set a new world's record. [See the full day's schedule \(http://www.rflewismuseum.org/event/2014/caribbean-heritage-and-wave-your-flag-celebration\)](http://www.rflewismuseum.org/event/2014/caribbean-heritage-and-wave-your-flag-celebration).

Film on the Chesapeake - Caribbean Connection

During the War of 1812, enslaved people in Maryland were promised resettlement in a British colony in exchange for fighting with the British forces. We screen the documentary *The Merikens*, about Chesapeake descendants in Trinidad. Post-film discussion follows with Dr. Annette Palmer, Chairperson of the Department of History at Morgan State University and a Meriken; Tina Dunkley, Director of Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries; and Hazel Manning, former Minister of Education and Local Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Caribbean DJ Spins

Jam to DJ Phaze and dance the Limbo with King Kabuki.

Record-breaking Singing of the Anthem

At 4pm, St. Veronica's Youth Steel Orchestra, a steel drum band, plays the Star-Spangled Banner as part of the Smithsonian's Raise It Up program, a nationwide event commemorating the bicentennial of the National Anthem. Smithsonian partners and communities across the U.S. will join together in a sing-along of the Star-Spangled Banner in an effort to set a new Guinness World Record.

Kids' Activities & Carnival Parade

For the kids, community artist Sallah Jenkins leads visitors to make their flag. Participants are invited to carry their flag in a parade inside the museum with costumed Carnival dancers.

Acclaimed Maryland Author

Marylander Lauren Francis-Sharma signs her acclaimed debut novel *'Til the Well Runs Dry* set largely in Trinidad and based on her grandmother. "[A] remarkably accomplished first-time novelist...spellbinding..." raves Booklist.

These events are related to the museum's current exhibition, [*For Whom It Stands: The Flag and the American People*](http://www.rflewismuseum.org/fwis). (http://www.rflewismuseum.org/fwis) The exhibition features more than 100 works of art, artifacts, documents, and photographs that show the flag as a reflection of the American people. The exhibition was recently named a **'Top 10 Must-See Summer Exhibit' by USA Today** (http://www.usatoday.com/story/experience/america/best-of-lists/2014/05/07/10-must-see-museum-exhibits-this-summer/8811633/). .

The show is inspired by Grace Wisher, an indentured servant in flagmaker Mary Pickersgill's household, who helped Pickersgill make the original Star-Spangled Banner. The exhibition is on view May 17, 2014 - February 28, 2015 in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner.

About the Reginald F. Lewis Museum

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture is Baltimore's premier facility highlighting the history and accomplishments of African Americans with a special focus on Maryland's African American community. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum is the East Coast's largest African American museum, occupying an 82,000 square-foot facility with ample permanent and special exhibition space, interactive learning environments, auditorium, resource center, oral history recording studio, museum shop, café, classrooms, meeting rooms, outside terrace and reception areas. The museum is located at 830 Pratt Street, Baltimore near the Inner Harbor at the corner of Pratt and President Streets. The museum is also accessible on Baltimore's Charm City Circulator Orange and Green Routes. For more information, please call 443-263-1800 or visit www.RFLewisMuseum.org (http://www.rflewismuseum.org/).

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